

In the Specification:

Please insert the following between the title and line 1 of the specification:

--This is a continuation of International PCT Application No. PCT/JP01/003844, filed May 8, 2001.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Fig. 3 is a schematic diagram~~ Figs. 3A and 3B are schematic diagrams of a first embodiment of the optical device of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Fig. 4 is a schematic diagram~~ Figs. 4A and 4B are schematic diagrams of a second embodiment of the optical device of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Fig. 6 and Fig. 7~~ Figs. 7A-7E are diagrams showing operations of the rhomboid prism.